

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2014

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 12, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Thompson, Niemi and Hampton. Absent: Mayor Moore, Taylor.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Protem Niemi called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Budget work session for FY2016. Discussion only. City Administrator Beimer explained that only those groups/entities that increased their fiscal year support requests from last year were asked to attend tonight's meeting and to answer Council questions and give details as to why their budgets are increasing. Matt Siders, Park and Rec Director, said that the operating portion of his budget is the same as in the past except for a 3% salary increase. Also included was \$3,000.00 for Memorial Park restoration. This is year 3 of a 5 year project for park signage/\$3,000.00. In CIP portion of the budget \$50K was listed for the proposed Stonebrook trail. It is a Safe Routes to School trail and is listed in the P&Rec Master Trail Plan. The P&Rec board would like to have it paved which would make it ADA compliant. This trail would be constructed on school property. They currently do not have funds to contribute but they will maintain it if it is paved. Taylor, via email, stated that she does not feel that this is a good use of trail money. She wrote that this trail duplicates the existing sidewalk trail on 13th Ave SW and may have a short life depending on what the School District decides to do with the farm field in coming years. It is "anti-green" and the money would be better spent lighting the "Petrick trail". Also listed was \$30K for the pool parking lot overlay lighting along the Sauter Park trail. Representing MVAAC, Steve Maravetz, said their budget request increased from \$3,500.00 (FY15) to \$6,000.00 and will be used for promotion and publicity for the events that they do. Fred Lehman asked Council to consider budgeting for the proposed All Veterans Memorial to be built at the MV Cemetery. The total cost estimate for material and labor is about \$100,000.00. The Legion has started fund raising for the memorial and currently have about \$27K and \$2K pledged from the Ladies Auxiliary. The hope is to break ground this spring with a completion date sometime in 2016. Because of the FY16 budget unknowns and constraints it was suggested that the project be presented in phases to be included in multiple budgets. The American Legion FY16 budget request was \$5,000.00. Joe Jennison, Director of MainStreet and Marketing for MV-L CDG, explained their \$5K increase would be used for the redesign of the Visit MVL.com website, updating their social media outreach and hosting fees for the videos that were done earlier. The CDG is in charge of 14 festivals, events and promotions. With no further requests Council started their work session. Beimer said he wanted to make Council aware that he will be meeting with Jake Krob, Dean Traver and Lisbon officials regarding the future of KMVL. The current equipment is wearing out and Dean would like to sell the building. The cost estimates from V & K for the sanitary sewer replacement projects have been received; the Mehaffey line is

estimated at \$100,000.00 and the line behind Shepley's at \$200,000.00. To be added to the budget as a placeholder only is the old fire station renovation. Discussions continued as department heads presented their budgets. Beimer stated that there will not be an increase in the tax levy or any new utility increases

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:39 p.m., January 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator